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SUBJECT: PRESS AND PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES AT NASC

AMONG 600 FOREIGN PRESS CORRESPONDENTS COVERING NASC SOME ARE
NOTICEABLY MORE ACTIVE IN LOBBYING AND PROPAGANDA THAN IN NEWS
GATHERING. FOR EXAMPLE:

(A) PLO NEWS AGENCY (WAFA) DISTRIBUTES PHOTO COPIES OF THEIR
TELEX REPORTS ON MIDEAST SITUATION, ESPECIALLY LEBANESE
DEVELOPMENTS, AS WELL AS IPS (INTER-PRESS SERVICE) REPORTS
FROM MIDEAST FAVORABLE TO PLO POSITION, MOST MATERIAL
CRITICAL OF SYRIANS, AS WAS THRUST OF PLO AUGUST 14 PRESS
CONFERENCE (SEE COLOMBO 2995-C).

(B) LIBYANS HAVE PLACED NEWS ITEMS AND FULL-PAGE ADVERTISEMENTS
IN LOCAL PAPERS GLORIFYING LIBYAN REGIME AND PRESIDENT QADDHAFI,
COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS OF WHOM HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO CROWDS
LINING MOTORCADE ROUTE BETWEEN HOTELS AND CONFERENCE HALL.

(C) ACCORDING TO RELIABLE WESTERN CORRESPONDENTS, HALF-DOZEN
NORTH KOREAN DELEGATES, WITH DELEGATE ID BADGES PARTIALLY
SHIELDED TO COVER NAMES, WERE OBSERVED MONDAY SURROUNDING SOUTH
KOREAN JOURNALIST AT PRESS CENTER AND THREATENING "TO DISAPPEAR
HIM" IF HE ATTENDED OPENING NASC SESSION. SOUTH KOREAN SPIRITED

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AWAY BY FRIENDLY WESTERN NEWSMEN AND HAS NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE.

SAME NORTH KOREANS KEEP CONSTANT VIGIL IN PRESS CENTER LOBBY AND DISTRIBUTE PROPAGANDA MATERIALS INCLUDING "PYONGYANG TIMES" FILLED WITH IMMORTAL WORDS OF GREAT LEADER KIM 11 SUNG AND BLASTS AT U.S. IMPERIALISTS. NUMBER OF WESTERN NEWSMEN HAVE COMPLAINED OF UNPLEASANT EXPERIENCES WITH NORTH KOREANS, INCLUDING LOUD PROTESTS TO ONE NEWS AGENCY OVER EARLIER REPORTS ON NORTH KOREAN "SPY SHIP" IN COLOMBO HARBOR, SURREPTITIOUS READING OF NEWSMEN'S COPY, AND ALLEGED THEFT OF COPY.

(D) VIETNAMESE CONTENT TO DISTRIBUTE COPIES OF MONTHLY "VIETNAM COURIER," BIOGRAPHY OF PREMIER PHAM VAN DONG, AND SMALL BOOKLET ON AGRICULTURAL POLICY. THEY HAVE ESCHEWED STRONG-ARM TACTICS. AND HAVE MADE SPECIAL EFFORT TO MAKE GOOD IMPRESSION ON WESTERN AND THIRD WORLD JOURNALISTS IN SHARP CONTRAST TO NORTH KOREANS.

(E) PUERTO RICAN SOCIALIST PARTY, THOUGH NOT IN EVIDENCE AT PRESS CENTER, DISTRIBUTED ELABORATE PRESS KIT AT PRESS CONFERENCE AUGUST 14 (SEE COLOMBO 2969-C).

(F) PRENSA LATINA OPENED PRESS BUREAU HERE FOR DURATION OF CONFERENCE AND HAS PLACED CONSIDERABLE MATERIAL IN LOCAL PRESS, ESPECIALLY ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPERS, CONCENTRATING ON NEWS FROM LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WITH STRONG ANTI-AMERICAN SLANT. CUBAN ACTIVITY AT PRESS CENTER MORE LOW KEY. NO MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED, BUT FAIRLY INTENSIVE LOBBYING (ALONG WITH SOVIETS) AMONG PANAMANIAN, INDIAN, ARAB, AND OTHER NONALIGNED PRESSMEN.

(G) TANJUG AND SAMACHAR, WITH SIZEABLE, EFFICIENT, WELL INFORMED STAFFS, CONCENTRATE ON STRAIGHT NEWS AND SEEM KEEN TO ESTABLISH THEMSELVES AS RESPONSIBLE, RELIABLE NEWS AGENCIES SERVING INTERESTS OF ALL NONALIGNED COUNTRIES. A DAILY "SPECIAL NEWS BULLETIN," PREPARED BY TANJUG AND SRI LANKA BROADCASTING CORPORATION, CONTAINS WORLD COMMENTS ON CONFERENCE, LOCAL ITEMS RELATING NASC, AND OTHER NEWS BRIEFS FROM REUTER AND NON-ALIGNED WIRE SERVICES.

(H) PAN AFRICANIST CONGRESS OF AZANIA (SOUTH AFRICA) ISSUES PRESS RELEASES CRITICAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN POLICIES AND POLICE ACTIONS.

(I) LIBYA'S ARAB REVOLUTION NEWS AGENCY (ARNA) CIRCULATES A DAILY NEWS BULLETIN; INCLUDES SHARP ATTACKS ON EGYPT AND SUDAN. VON GLATZ

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